

Minutes of the meeting of  
**Frodsham Town Council**



held on Monday 26 January 2015 at 7.30pm  
 In the Lounge, Frodsham Community Centre, Fluin Lane, Frodsham

**Present:** Cllrs Warren (Chairman), Wales (Mayor), Sutton (Deputy Mayor), Bondi, Dawson (from 8.15pm), Oulton, Pusey, Pennington, Redhead, Riley, Shearn, Taylor and Wakefield. Mr. J Wild (Town Clerk), Mrs. A Scriven (Office Manager), Neil Flanagan (PCSO), Press x 1 and 7 members of the public.

Prior to the meeting, there was an opportunity for members of the public to view the revised proposals for Churchfields Play Area.

*The personal interests of Cllr S L Riley and Cllr A W Dawson are noted on the basis that they are both elected members of this Council and CWAC. Cllr Dawson is also a member of the Police and Crime panel. Cllrs Dawson, Pusey, Riley and Wakefield are members of Frodsham Foundation. Cllr Pusey is a trustee of Frodsham Community Association and Chair of Sutton Parish Council. Cllr Shearn is a trustee of Frodsham Youth Association. Cllr Dawson is Chair of the Executive Committee of Castle Park Trust.*

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PART A	
Item	Action/Decision/Notes/ Recommendations
<b>B</b>	<b>Committees</b>
3.1	<p><b>Planning</b></p> <p><b>Minutes 17.12.14</b> – noted.</p> <p>Cllr Bondi noted that the recently reported reduced timescales for Council comment on applications might in fact have been overstated. This should allow the Committee to revert to its previous timescales for meeting.</p>
3.2	<p><b>Planning</b></p> <p><b>Minutes 06.01.15</b> – noted.</p>
4	<p><b>Environment</b></p> <p><b>Minutes 06.01.15</b> – noted.</p> <p>Cllr Bondi explained why he had felt it necessary to call in Community Committee's recommendation to remove trees from the cemetery. He said that while he would not normally wish to interfere in another Committee's work, there were several reasons why the trees should not be removed, in the view of the Environment Committee.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trees were being planted elsewhere, due to public demands.</li> <li>• Grave damage was stated as a reason – this might be overstated. Other cemeteries had large trees near to graves.</li> <li>• He believed the land at the back of the site was not too steep for plots.</li> <li>• The trees in the hedge to the left of the plot had not, as originally agreed, had five years to establish.</li> <li>• He thought the ambience of the site might be spoiled.</li> <li>• Some trees- while there was some uncertainty which – were thought to be commemorative/adopted trees.</li> </ul> <p>Cllr Shearn noted that the report done by Dunns for FTC some years back had suggested that 68 more spaces could be freed by removal of trees. Their removal would cost more and be more difficult, in the future.</p> <p>It was noted that the cemetery was a credit to the town, and some councillors felt that the trees should not be removed without asking the public and even then, not for another three years at least. There was</p>

certainly a good period, at least a year, before any pressure on existing spaces would be felt. There would be a new Council before then.

**R1:** *That the situation regarding the removal of 34 trees in the rows at the sides of the cemetery is to revert to the original plan and will be reviewed in 3 years (Jan 2018 – diary note to be made).* **Agreed.**

A letter had been submitted to Council via Cllr Bondi from Mr. Kiernan. Cllr Bondi asked that this be circulated to Councillors. **Action:** Clerk

On the matter of the proposed changes to Footpaths 8 and some Kingsley paths, the Chair said that he was unsure why this change was now proposed. Cllr Dawson said that this was likely to be the result of regular reviews of footpath maps, by the Local Authority. Anyone could challenge accuracy of a map – there seemed to have been an unresolved challenge from the time of the previous (pre-CWAC) Council. It was quite a complex matter, and might touch on residents' rights to drive to their houses (Cllr Bondi suggested not). There was scope to include in the exercise other surrounding paths, and this might help with e.g. opening up the Weaver Cycle Path.

**R2:** *That FTC write to CWAC to oppose application 4/56 to upgrade Frodsham footpath 8 and Kingsley footpaths 19 & 33 and that FTC research evidence further, to enable Cllr Sutton to fully represent the Council's decision on this matter.* **Agreed. Action:** Cllr Bondi/Office manager

Cllr Bondi asked for it to be noted that he did not vote.

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